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Dedication



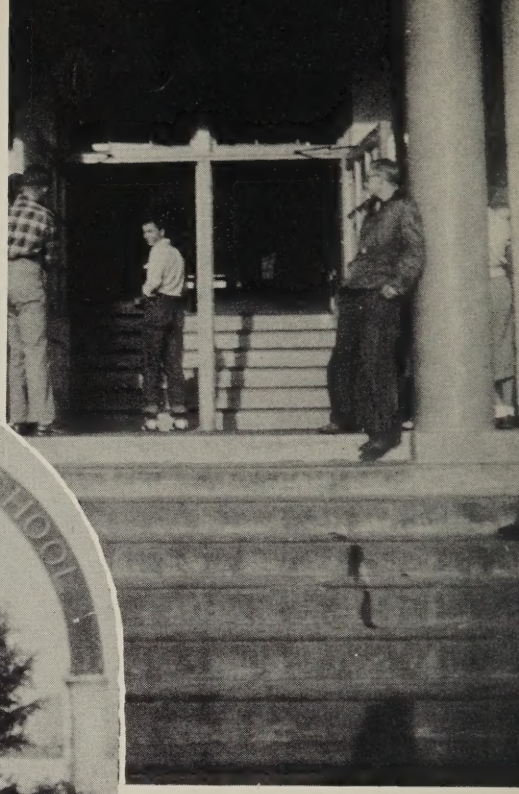
With sincere acknowledgment of her helpful guidance, with recognition of her strong faith in the students of Dan River, and with deep appreciation for her work as treasurer of our school, we the Senior and Junior Classes of 1953, dedicate "The Archway" to a wonderful person, Miss Louise Bennett.

Dedication



We have known her as a teacher with great leadership and patience, whose unlimited energy is a challenge to do our best; but we also know her as a friend, giving us advice when we need it and sharing our joys and difficulties. Therefore, we, the Senior and Junior classes of 1953, take great pleasure in dedicating this volume of "The Archway" to Mrs. Florence Walton.





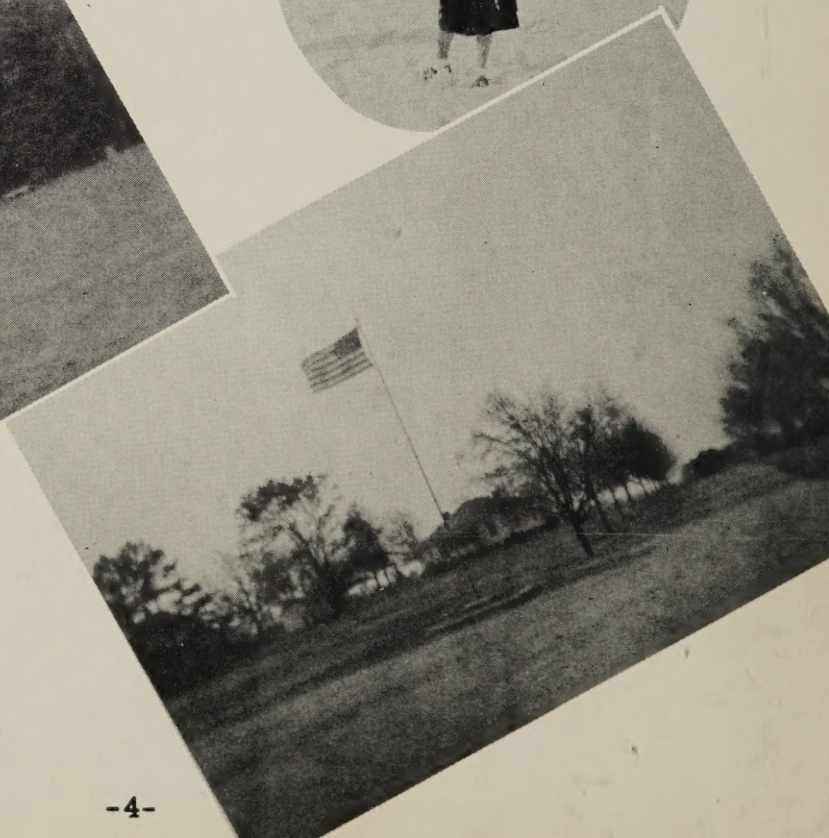
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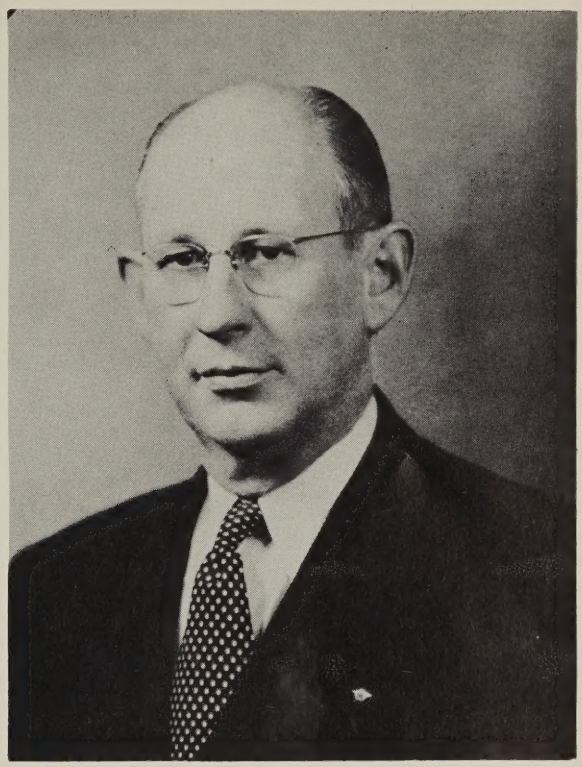




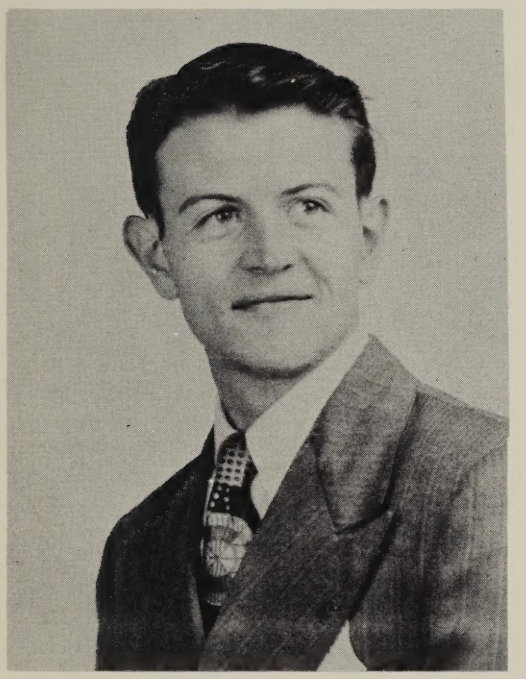




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Assistant Principal
History and English
Junior Sponsor



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MRS. GARNETT F. TERRY
Second Grade

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Third Grade

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Second Grade

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MISS CALLIE ATKINSON
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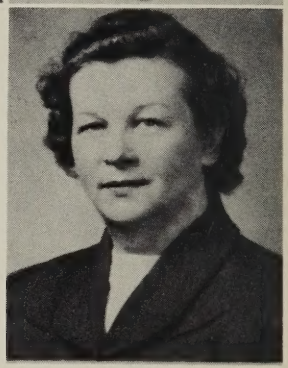
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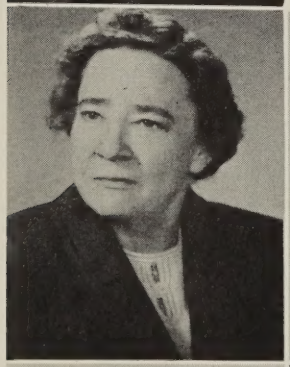






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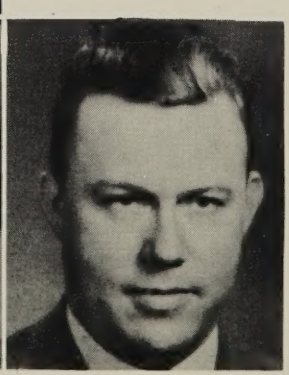
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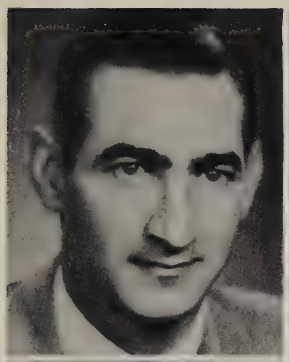




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Seventh Grade

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Veteran Instructor







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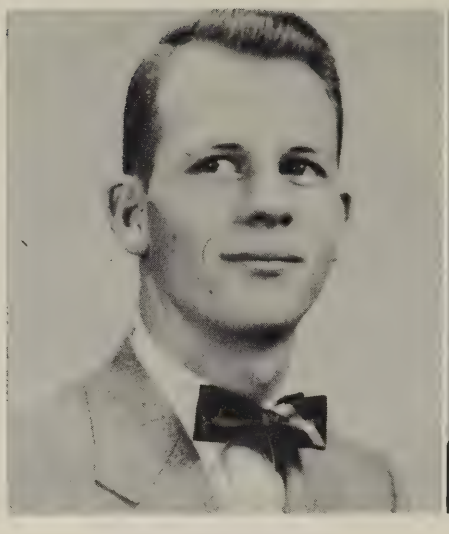
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Book Two
The Classes

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Class History

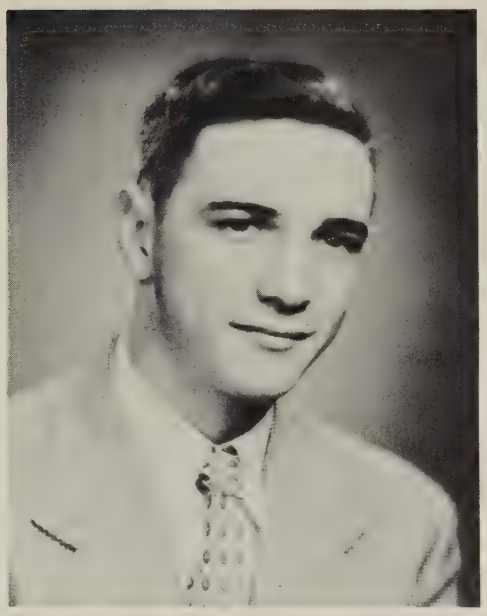
You might think that because our class is now small in number we wouldn't have much history; however, until our Senior year we were each an individual in some other large group. All of us took part in a freshman initiation and most of us have been active in athletics and other activities. Thomas London was a star player in both basketball and baseball. Ronald Adkins made the baseball team in his Junior year. Neal Dodson, before being inducted into the Army during his Junior year, was active in basketball. Two of our members, Barbara Green and Donald Motley, had leading parts in the Junior, Sophomore play.

In the fall of '52 we returned to find that the 1953 graduating class was composed of eight members under the sponsorship of Mrs. Florence Walton. Right away we began working with the Junior Class under Mr. Jesse Lane to put out the sixth edition of "The Archway." Members in the Senior Class on the "Archway" are Neal Dodson, Editor-in-chief; Donald Motley, Business Manager; Ronald Atkins, Advertising Manager; Nancy Compton, Literary Editor; Harriette Shriver, Typist.

Since the Seniors will have but one year together, we sincerely hope that everyone will be able to graduate. We shall always remember our friends, teachers, and principal, and think of what they have done for us now and in our days ahead.

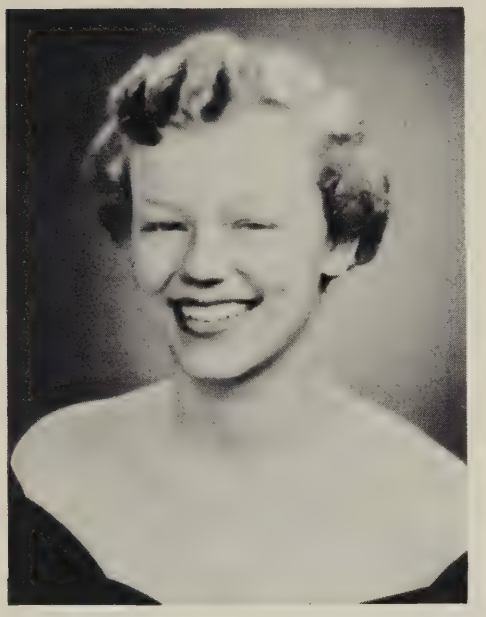
Barbara Greene

Seniors



RONALD COLMAN ADKINS

Library Club-4, F. B. L. A.-4, Baseball-3-4, Song Leader-3, Senior Play, Glee Club-1-3-4, Advertising Manager Annual-4.



NANCY MILAM COMPTON

F. H. A.-1-2-3, F. H. A. Reporter-4, F. B. L. A. 2-4, Secretary of F. B. L. A.-4, Glee Club-2, Newspaper Reporter-4, Literary Editor of Archway-4, Senior Play.

THOMAS NEAL DODSON

S. C. A.-2-3, Operetta-2, Glee Club-1-2-3-4, F. F. A.-2, Junior Play-3, Basketball-3, Baseball-3, Served in Armed Forces, Senior Play, President of Glee Club-4, President of Class-4, F. B. L. A.-4, Editor-In-Chief of Archway-4.





BARBARA PRITCHETT GREEN

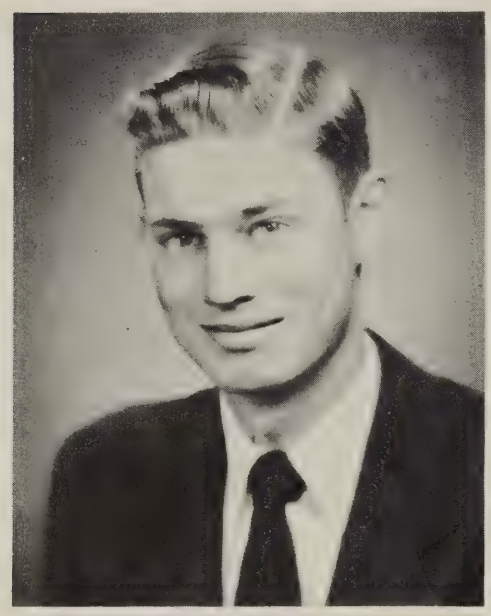
Cheerleader-1-2, F. H. A.-1-2-4, Glee Club-2 4, Secretary of F. H. A.-2, Treasury of Class, 4, Junior Play-2, Vice President Glee Club-2, F. B. L. A.-2-4, Executive Council Member-F. B. L. A.-4, Score Keeper-4, Senior Play.

Seniors



THOMAS ALLEN LONDON

F. F. A. -1-2-3, Glee Club-4, Spanish Club-3, Basketball-2-3-4, Baseball-3-4, F. B. L. A. -4, K. V. G. Crew-1-2-3, Library Staff Reporter-4.



DONALD TIMOTHY MOTLEY

F. F. A. -2-3-4, Vice President F. F. A. -4, Vice President S. C. A. -4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Vice President Junior Class, K. V. G. Crew-2-3-4, King of Junior & Senior Banquet-3, Business Manager Archway-4.

VIRGINIA MAE PRUITT

F. H. A. -1-3, F. H. A. Fashion Show-3, Latin Club-2, Treasury Junior Class-3, F. B. L. A. 3-4, F. B. L. A. Treasure-4, Secretary of Senior Class-4, Senior Play.





HARRIETTE ANN SHRIVER

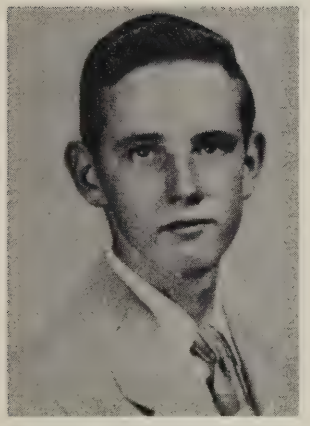
Transferred from Schoolfield High School 1951, F. H. A. -2, Glee Club-1-2, Secretary of Class-2, President of Junior Class-3, Senior Play, Basketball Manager-4, Annual Staff Typist, G. B. L. A. -3-4.

Juniors



JUNIOR OFFICERS

President..... Landon Lewis
Vice President.....Harriett Lewis
Secretary.....Ann Harris
Treasurer.....Shirley Turner
Reporter.....Faye Bigger
Song Leader.....Pat Hughes



James Allen



Emma Anderson



Jean Barksdale



Faye Bigger

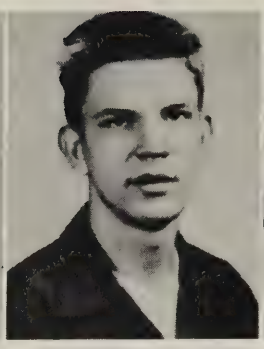


Milam Childress

Juniors



Louise Claude



John Covington



Shirley Dalton



Dora Dunn



Margaret Evans



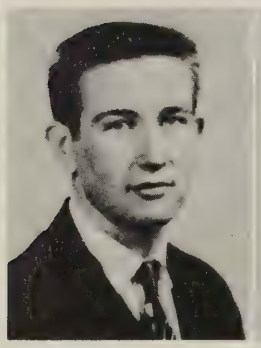
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Nancy Farson



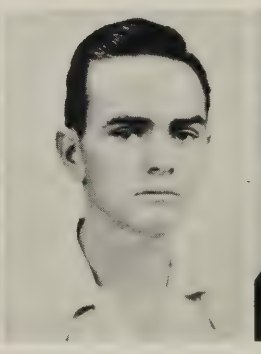
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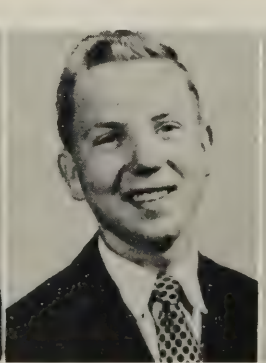
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Ann Harris



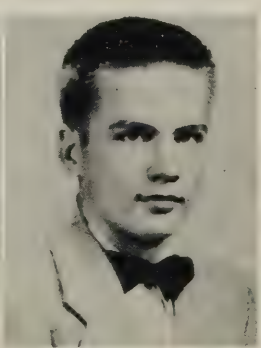
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Juniors



Harriette Lewis



Landon Lewis



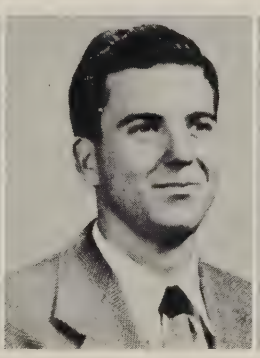
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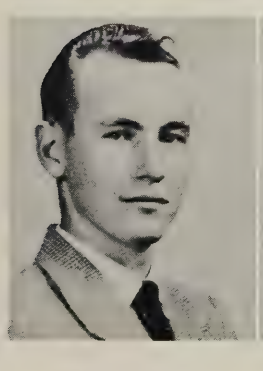
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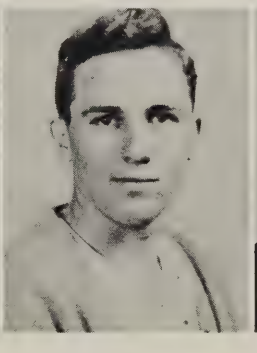
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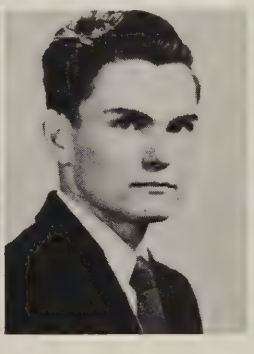
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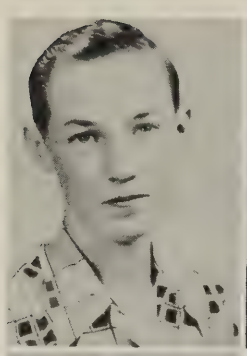
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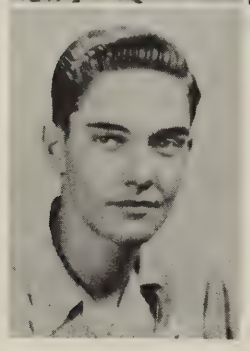
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Danny Yates





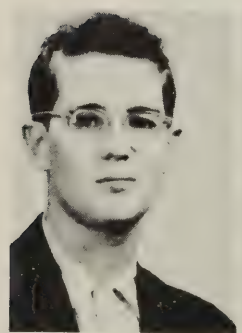


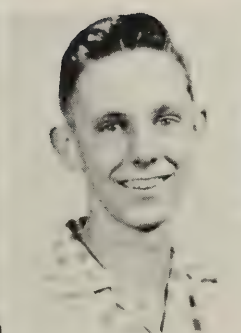
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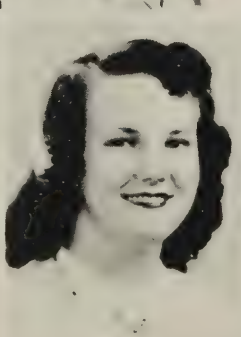


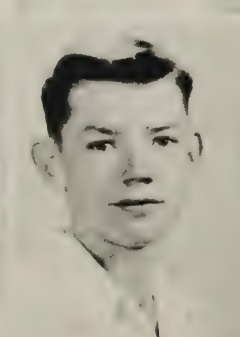
















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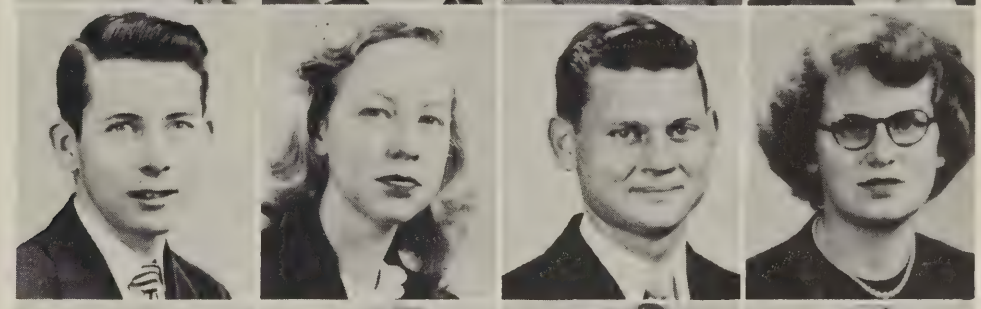
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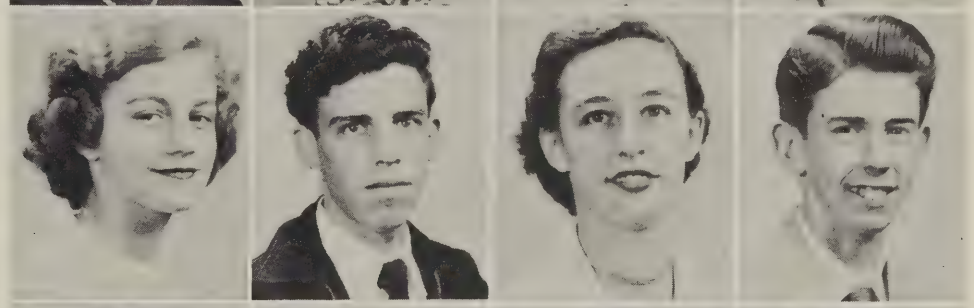
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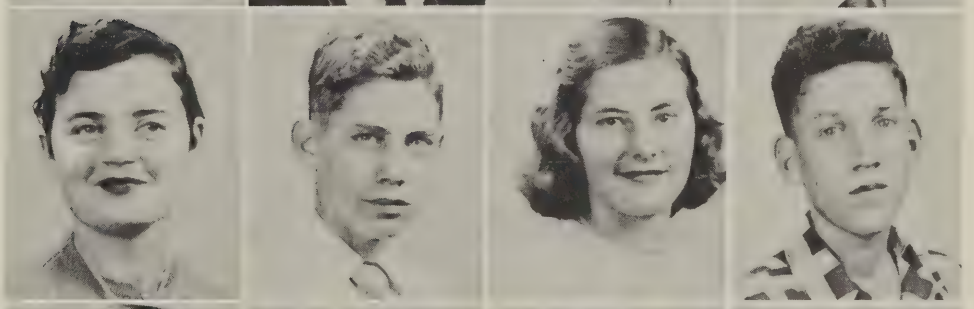
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Mary Jane Hill
Bernice Hodnett
Dean Hudgins
Margie Ingram



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Betty Jefferies
Sara Jennings
Jimmy Jones
Gladys Lewis

Sara Lewis
Delma Martin
Josephine Martin
Edwin Milam

Dorothy Miller
John Harvey Moore
Maurice Seay
Betty Shelton

Margaret Snead
Patsy Snead
Cleo Strader
Betty Terry

Margaret Terry
Oneita Vaden
Bobby Walker
Nevida Watson

Nora Webb
Peggy Welch
Shelby Womack
Rebecca Young



Stanley Adkins
Winnie Arnold
Margaret Aiken
Evelyn Arrington



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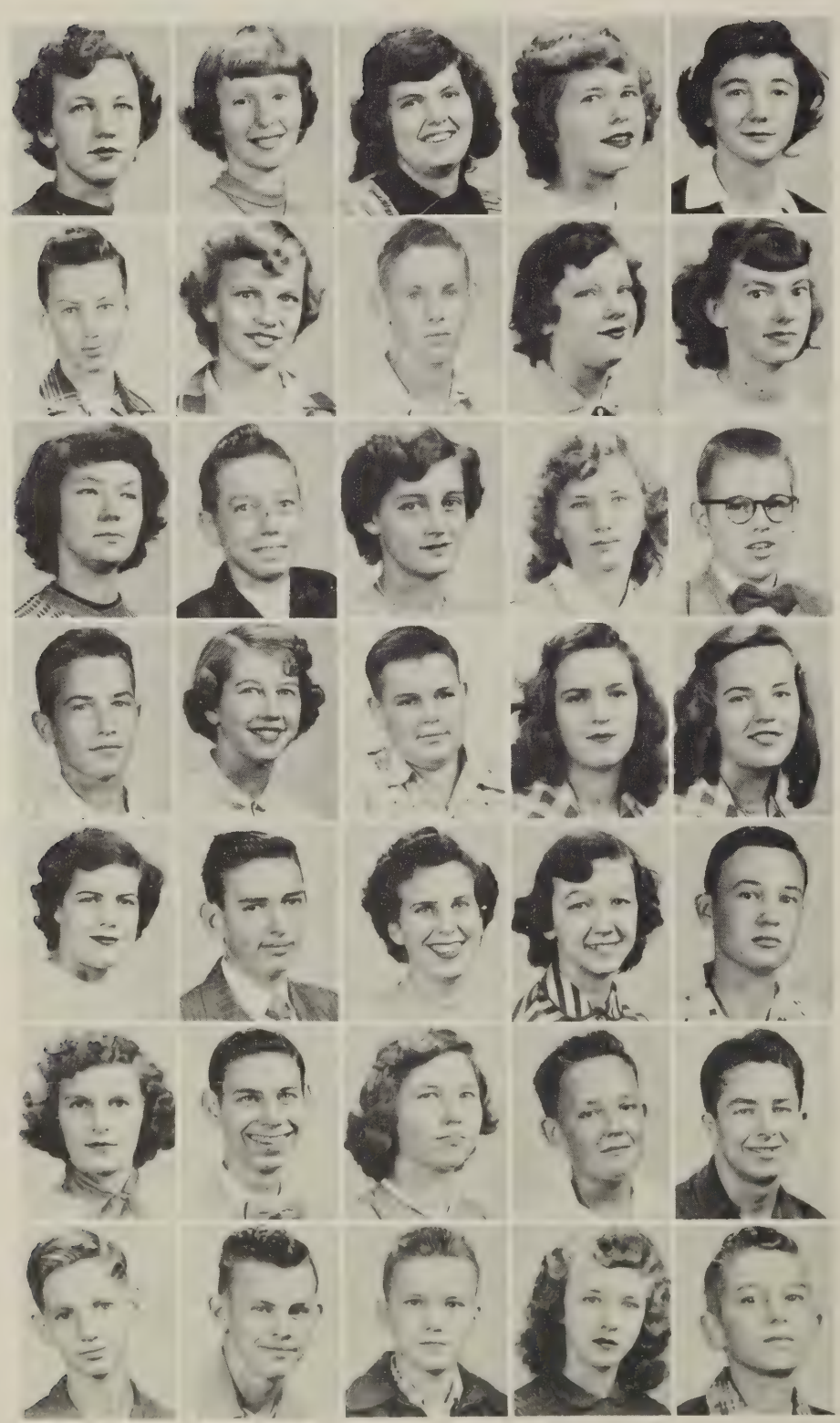


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Carol Booth

Marie Belcher
Billy Buntin

Peggy Bohannon
Carrol Cardwell

Freshman Class



Becky Clark
Ruth Collie
Shirley Cook
Shelby Jean Cope
Betty Crawford

Delbert Dalton
Barbara Davis
Dan Davis
Shirley Davis
Virginia Davis

Addie Dodson
James Dodson
Shirley Dodson
Odestive Evans
Berkwood Farmer

Randall Farmer
Margie Ferguson
Gene Francisco
Geneva Francisco
Janice Francisco

Nancy Gibson
John Gilbert
Peggy Gilbert
Elisse Gleaton
Collier Gleaton

Charlene Goad
Franklin Goodson
Margaret Goodson
James Gosney
Frank Guerrant

Fred Hahn
Walton Hankins
Jimmy Harrington
Nancy Henderson
William Hill

Freshman Class

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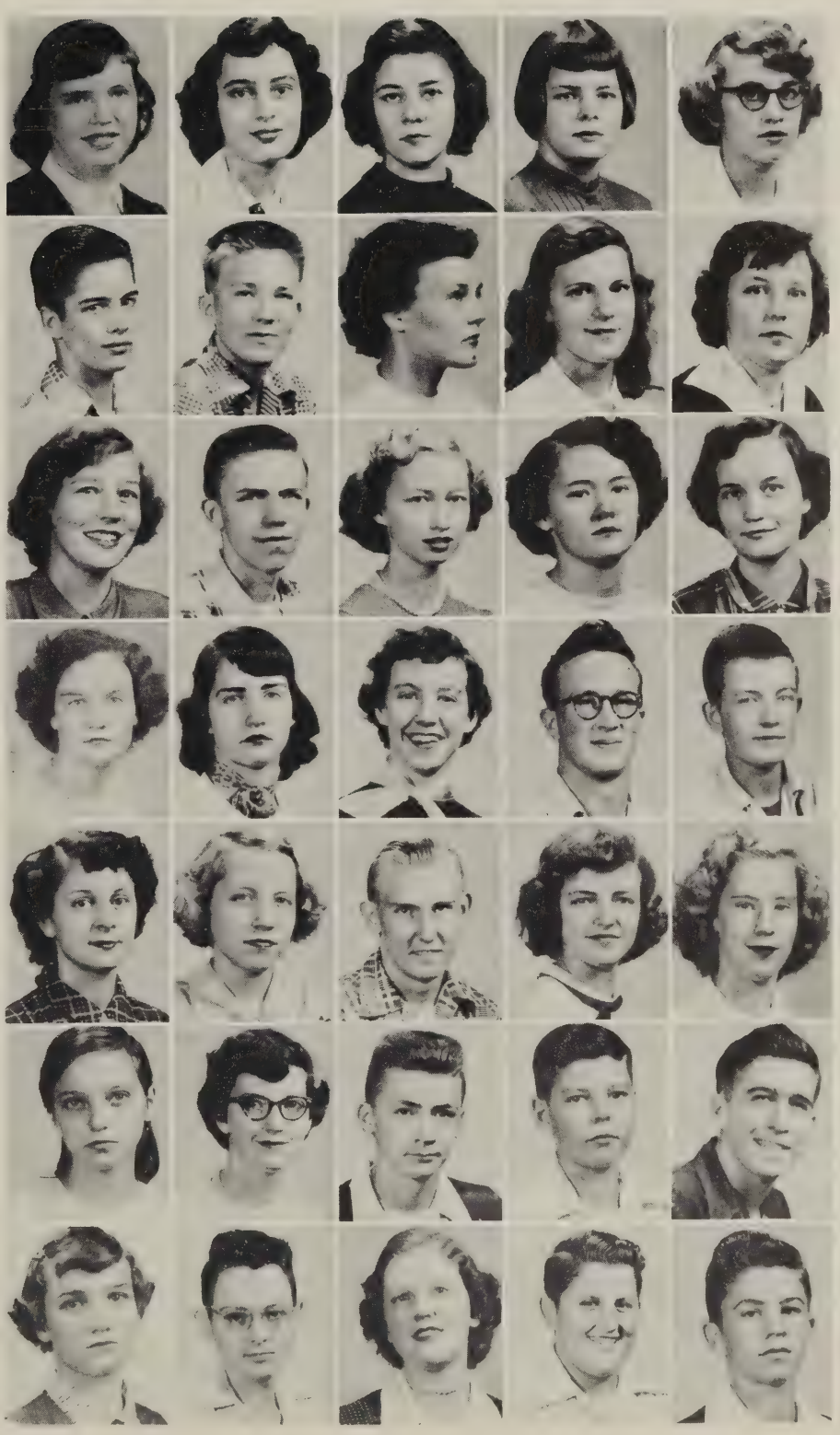
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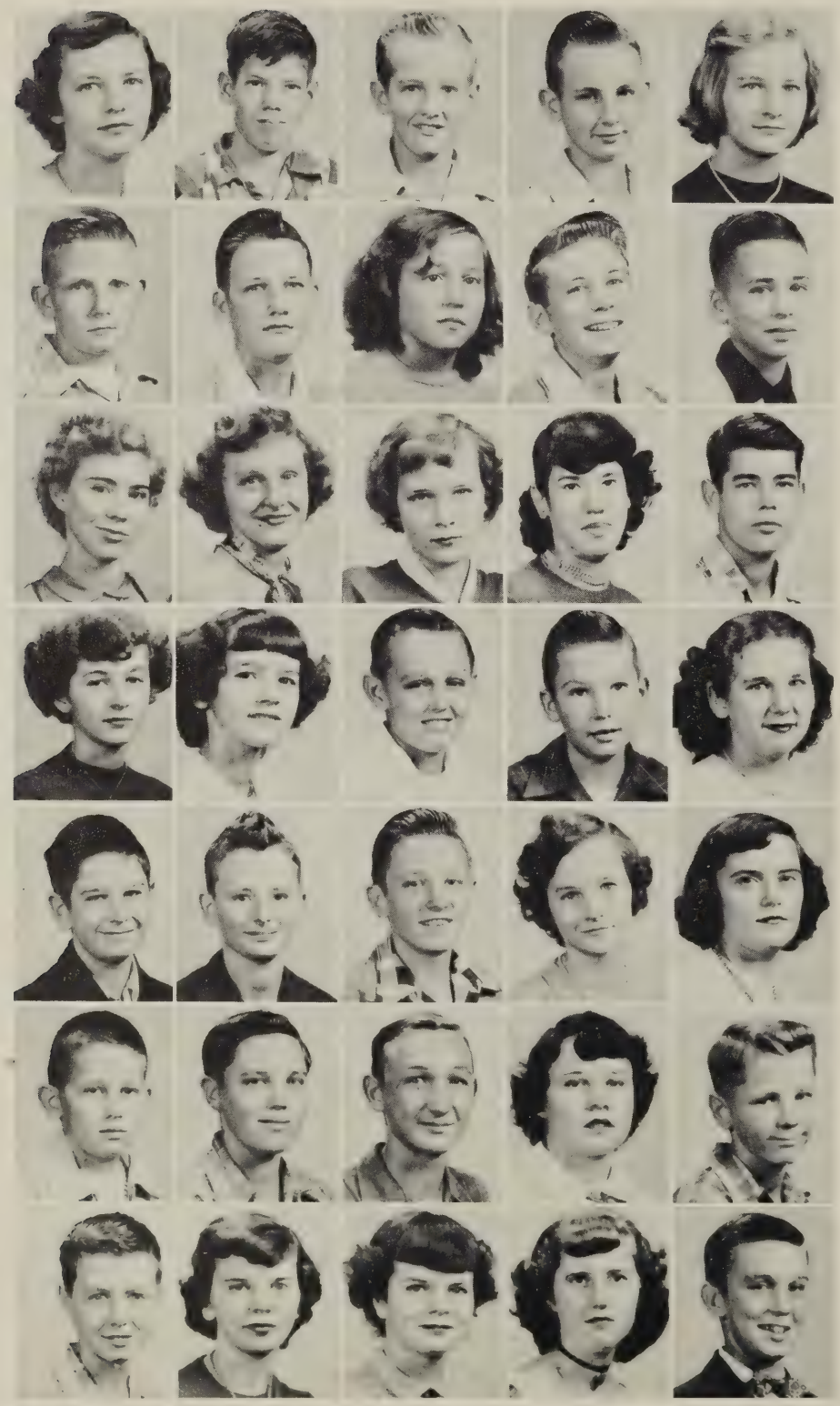
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Ruth Tuck

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Thomas Wiles
Wayne Wiles

Helen Wilkerson
Melvin Williams
Shirly Williams
Kenneth Worley
Lyle Yates



Eighth Grade



Patsy Adkins
Thomas Adkins
Charles Anderson
Wayne Alderson
Myriah Anderson

Wayne Arendall
Gene Atkinson
Betty Barker
Wayne Barker
John Wesley Barker

June Barksdale
Judith Beckner
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Annie Bibee
Roy Bibee

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Maire Bledsoe
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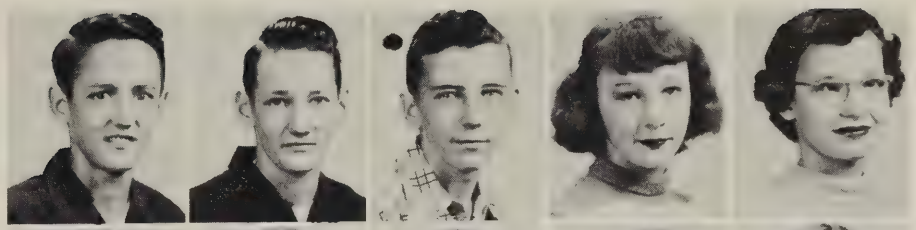
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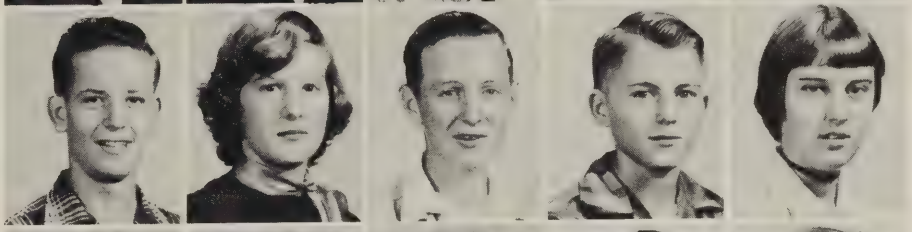
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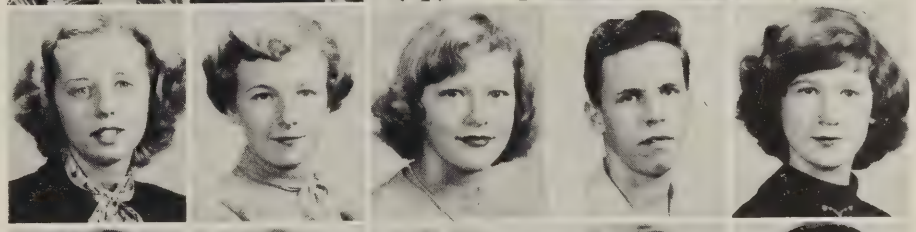
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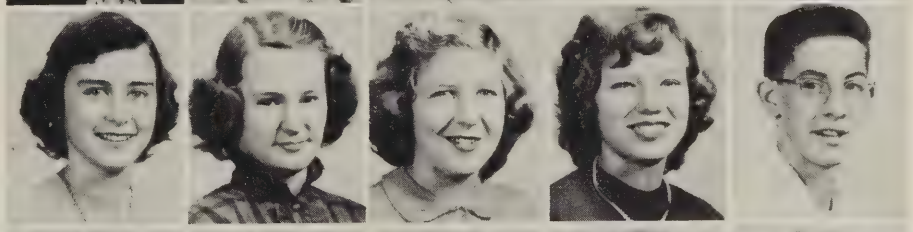
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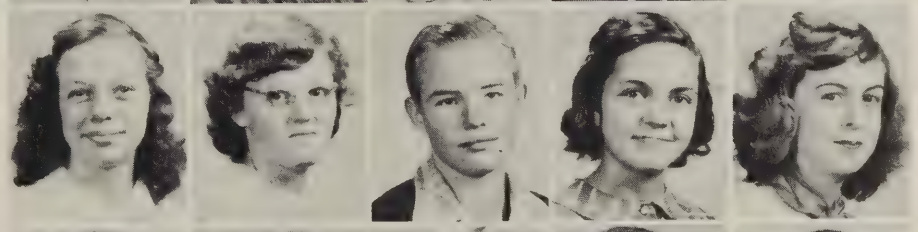
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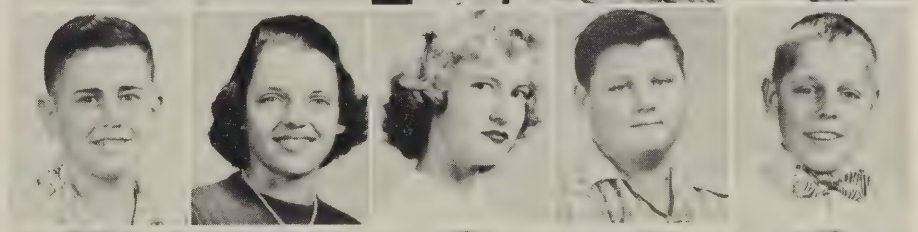
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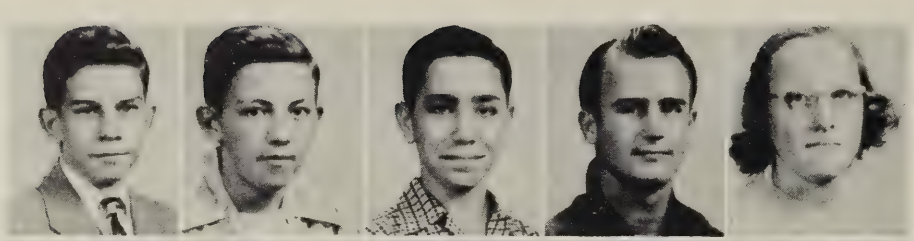
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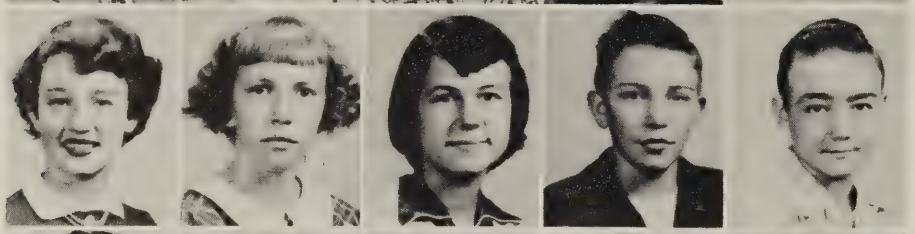
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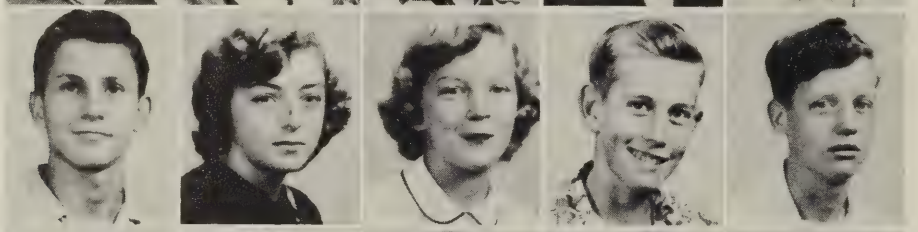
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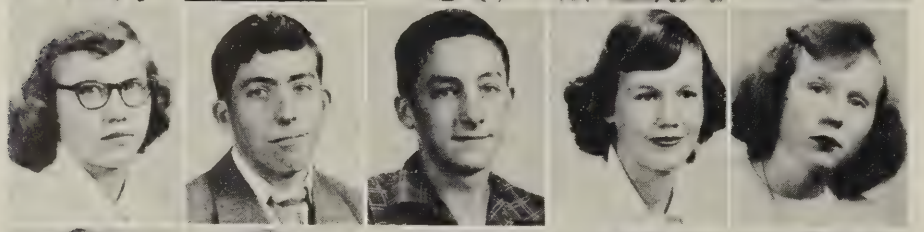
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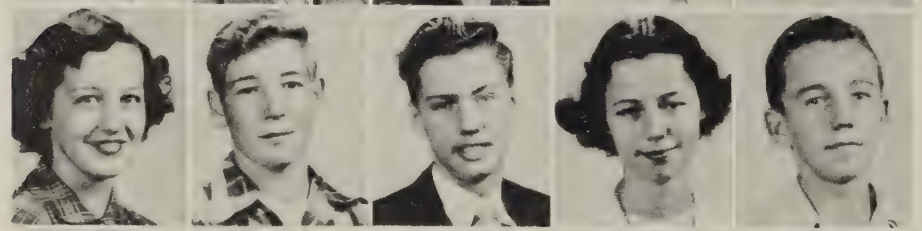
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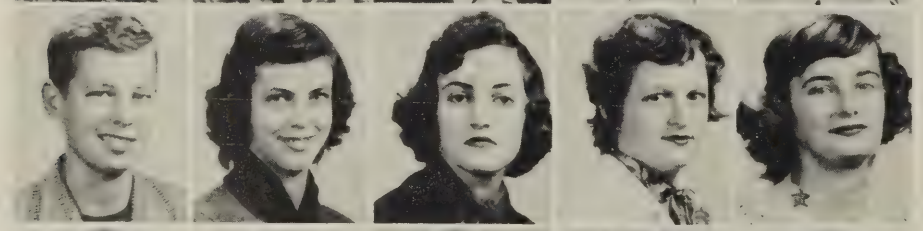
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James Royster



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Ronold Tanksley
Billy Tate

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Jean Woodson

Raymond Worley
Ada Wyrick
Jesse Yeaman
Bobby Waldron





Book Three











Activities









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Wonder which is Jimmy! Jimmy Jones prepares his Registered Angus bull for the Danville Fair.



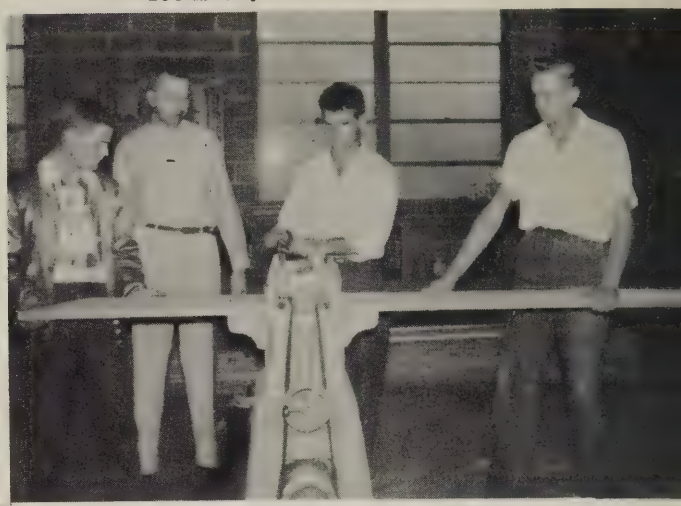
The fellow behind the hood is Ryland Bennett. He's not really afraid of the camera but merely exercising caution to protect his eyes from the glare of the arc welder.

THE SHOP IS
A BUSY PLACE



Harold Shelton putting the finishing touches to a hatchet.

C. C. Dodd, Andrew Bohannon and Edwin Milam demonstrating the use of the wood planer as Mr. Payne looks on.



Dean Hudgins smooths the end of a clevis as Jimmy Guill looks on-or is he supporting the wall?



Jimmy Guill saws a piece of metal as the first step in making a tractor hitch. Carl Bray and Dean Hugins looks on with approval. (We hope)





All of the FFA boys shop work is not confined to the Agriculture building, as is indicated here by Milan Childress and Danny Yates. These boys are laying the treads for the stage steps.

Well, what-do-you-know! Donald Motley is working, at last. (Truing an emery stone)





How do you like our Veteran's Class?

Veterans being instructed in class room prior to performing practices on the farm.



Veterans Henry Tate, Jesse Ricketts, Garland Brightwell, Charles Sublett and Luther Echals practicing electric wiring on panel before carrying out project on farm buildings.



Group looks over shop-erected post hole digger before exhibiting it at the Danville Fair.



Instructor A. L. Curtis leads a discussion on Better Fertilization Practices for Crops as recommended by V. P. I.



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The Library Club, under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen M. Chaney, is an organization to arouse literary interest and appreciation of the work carried on in the school library.



Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is under the supervision of Miss Jean O'Connor. It's object is to study the language, laws, and customs of the inhabitants of Spanish speaking countries.

Glee Club



The Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Payne, participated in the Christmas and Spring County Festivals at Chatham; had charge of music for seasonal programs in school assembly; sang in different churches; and gave an operetta in the spring.



Beta Club

The Beta Club, under the guidance of Miss Jean O'Connor, is a non-secret organization based upon character, attitude, and scholastic achievement. It has as its project this year the publishing of the school paper, "The Royal Dan."

S. C. A.



The Student Council members, advised by Mr. Jesse Lane, represent the leadership and guiding light of our school.

F. B. L. A.



The Future Business Leaders of America is under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Martin. Their aim is to find the key to success in the world of business.

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Margaret Evans, Capt.
Margie Ingram
Nancy Gilbert
Kate Hastings
Joan Gardner
Faye Blankenship

GUARDS
Betty Jefferies
Ruth Collie
Faye Bigger, Capt.
Gladys Lewis
Hilda Buchanan
Joan Barker

MANAGER
Harriette Shriver

COACH
Miss Glenn Rogers





Boys' Basketball



FORWARDS
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Leroy Arthur
Wayne Lynch
Ronald Wiles

CENTERS
Bill Lehtio
Donald Layne
Cooper Morris

GUARDS
Ryland Bennett, Capt.
Billy Bennett
George Staton
Jimmy Jones
Curtis Barnes

MANAGERS
Gene Francisco
Jimmy Harrington

COACH
Mr. Jack Myers







The Cheerleaders



The Baseball Team

The Carnival



Book Four Features



Madam "Swoomi"

A Peep at Last Year



Banquet King and Queen



"Shortenin Bread"



A Lovely Lady



Gracious! Julia

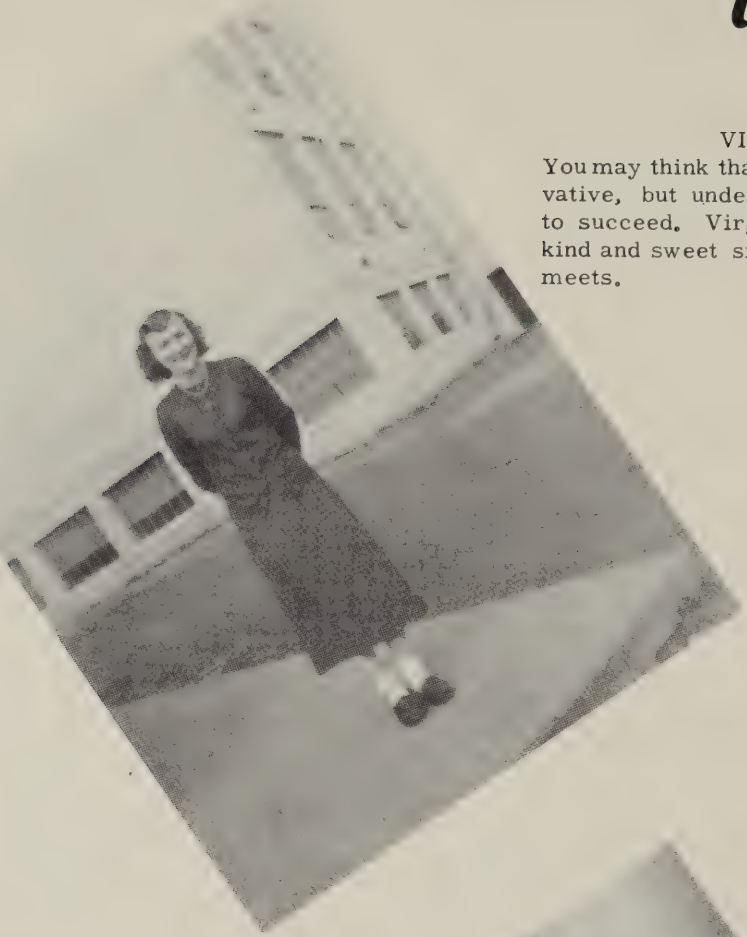


The Blue Room



Oh Happy Day!

Who's Seniors



VIRGINIA PRUITT

You may think that Virginia is quite and conservative, but underneath she has a determination to succeed. Virginia is very likable and has a kind and sweet smile for everyone whom she meets.



NANCY MILAM COMPTON

If you see a pretty, curly headed blonde, you'll know it's Nancy. Here is a likable girl with brains, originality, and the ability to do a job well. What would we Seniors have done without her this year?

Who's Seniors

DONALD MOTLEY

If anyone hears a loud giggle you know it wouldn't be anyone else but our most popular Senior boy, Donald. He always has a smile for anyone and has really brought light and cheer into our class.





NEAL DODSON

You see here the Senior's most able and very good-looking President, but he also serves well in any job he undertakes. Neal is always ready with a smile and willingness to help lead the Seniors through a most successful year.

Who's



ANNE HARRIS
DANNY YATES

When you see a pile of books with two figures behind them, you know its none other than Danny and Ann coming up with a "brainstorm". They both have outstanding ability to lead in the many different clubs, and not only their class but the clubs will profit from their membership.

Juniors



FAYE BIGGER
BILL LEHTIO

Vivacious and versatile - that's Faye. Whether typing for "The Archway", working for the S. C. A., or playing basketball she has a smile and helping hand for everyone. Charm and good physique - that's Bill. Whether playing basketball and baseball, or helping in various clubs, he always maintains his charm and personality. So you can understand why they were selected as most athletic.

Who's Juniors



BETTY FARSON
NANCY FARSON

When you look and see double don't think there's anything wrong with your eyes. It's only Betty and Nancy. They have a very pleasing personality and are always smiling, so you can see why both were chosen as the prettiest of the Junior class.



DORA DUNN
DANNY YATES

Although Dora and Danny were elected as most studious, they are really a whizz in school and club activities. They have a personality which will guide them through the years with success.

Who's



SHELBY JEAN WOMACK

Shelby Jean's musical ability is only one of the many talents which she has graciously contributed to activities at Dan River. She is also outstanding in her classwork as well as being friendly to everyone.



Sophomores

JIMMY JONES

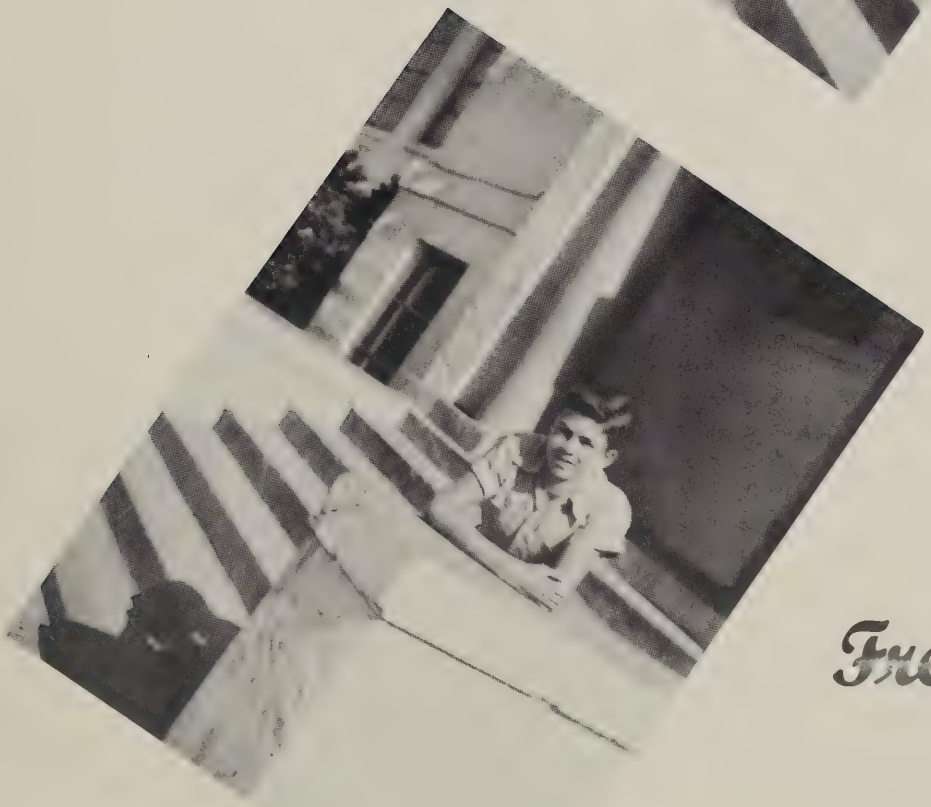
You can't overlook Jimmy at Dan River because he is outstanding in many Sophomore and other school activities. He has a combination of traits that has won him many friends.

Who's Freshmen

CAROL WAYNE BOOTH

You've heard the saying "Beauty and brains don't go together." Well, Carol Wayne has both as well as one of the loveliest personalities we've ever known.





LYLE YATES

With a smile for every one Lyle has won many friends and has been an efficient leader in the Freshman Class this year. He is always eager to help and to learn in his classes and we know he will go a long way in school.

Big Day For Freshmen

























Scenes About School



















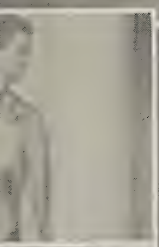




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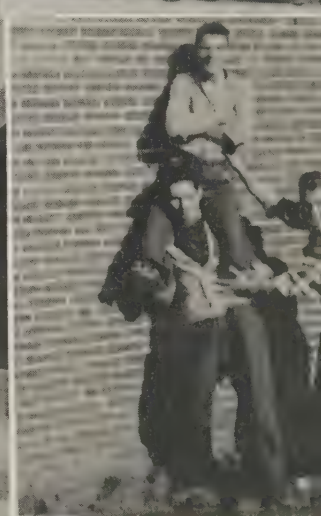
















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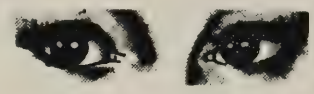


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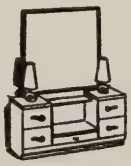
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